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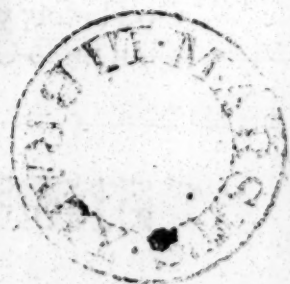
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Worshipfull M^r Doctor Dave-
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The Oath of the Church-wardens

You shall faithfully administer all such Church goods, as are or shall come to your hands, to the use of your Church; and thereof make true and faithfull accompt at the end of your office, delivering all that remaineth therevpon to your next successors. Also you shall diligently enquire of, and faithfully present, all such persons as you shall either vpon your owne knowledge, or by publique fame vnderstand, to be guilty of any offence or fault mentioned in any of the Articlesaforesaid; or any other fault which is to be punished by the lawes Ecclesiasticall of the Realme. Wherein you shall not present any person for malice, hatred or euill will; nor spare any for fauour, feare, or any corrupt affection: but you shall faithfully discharge your conscience, as men hauing the feare of God before your eyes and seeking the reformation of his Church, so God helpe you in Christ our Sauour.



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THE CHARGE OF THE
Church-wardens, for the performance
of their duties, with directions for making
their Bills of presentments, which if they
obserue not, the bill is to
bee reiected.

E Or the avoiding of such inconveniences as hereto. Can. 129.
fore haue hapned by the hasty making of bills of
presentments vpon the daies of the Visitation. The
Church-Wardens are straightly charged that to-
gether with their Minister (if he will ioine with
them) they doe read ouer all these Articles distinctly and lea-
surely to the end they may before hand consider of euery parti-
cular Article and of the offences therein contained, as also of
such persons as are or haue beene noted to offend in any of them
and to frame their Billes of presentment accordingly before the
Visitation, for the making whereof wee giue these further di-
rections.

- 1 That euerie bill be made in a faire large peece of paper of
that quantity that there may be and so shall be made a parti-
cular answere to euery Article.
- 2 That in the Front or beginning of every bill the name of the
parish, the names of the Churchwardens and Sidemen, and
the day of the moneth, and yeare of the Lord when the bill is
exhibited, be inserted and writ downe.

- 3 That to euery such bil, euery person that is to subscribe there-
unto, subscribe his owne name or marke and not by a de-
putie.
- 4 That whereas the most necessary Statutes Cannons and In-
iunctions are set downe in the margent for their perfecter
and fuller instructions. They shall diligently compare those
Statutes and Cannons with the seuerall Articles. A
straight accompt thereof will be required at the Visitation.





Articles concerning the Church.

IN primis whether your Church or Chappells, with the Chancells thereof, bee sufficiently repaired, as well in Stone, Timber, Lead, Tyle, Glasse, as all other necessary things, and if they be not, through whose default is the same omitted?

2 Whether the walls of the Church, and Chancell, bee within whitened and beautified with fruitfull sentences of the holy Scripture, are they kept cleane and decently at all times, and especially against the time of diuine Service, and paued plaine and even in the body of the Church and Chancell, with conuenient seats, placed for the necessary vse of the Parishioners in time of diuine service. Can. 82.

3 Whether you haue in your Parish Church, or Chappell, all things necessary for the setting forth of Common prayer, and the administration of the Blessed Sacrament? Namely the booke of Common Prayer, lately set forth by his Maiesties authority, the English Bible in the largest volume, and of the last translation, the two Tomes of Homilies? Haue you a table shewing what degrees of consanguinity, and affinity are forbidden in Marriage, set forth by authority in the yeare of our Lord God 1562. Are the tenne Commandments set vpon the east end of your Church or Chappell, where the people may best see, and read them? A conuenient seat and Pulpit for the Minister well placed; a decent Table standing

on a frame, for the holy Communion, is it so vsed in or out of the time of Diuine service, or Sermon, as is agreeable to the holy vse of it? Haue you a faire linnen Cloath, to lay vpon the same, and some couering of lilke Buckerome, or other such like, for the cleane keeping thereof? A comely communion Cup of Siluer, with a couer of siluer, for the same, a flagon of siluer, or pewter; a decent surplese with large sleeves? A Register booke of Parchment of Christenings, Weddings & Burialls? A Font of Stone in some convenient place of the Church sweet and decently kept? A sure coffer with three locks and keyes for the keeping of the said Register booke, and a strong chest or Box with three locks and keyes, to put in the Almes? And other things belonging to the premises?

Stat. 43.
Eliz. c. 4.

4 What legacies and other gifts haue bene given to the vse and benefit of your Church, who receiued them and in whose hands are they, are they imployed according to their right vses as the donors intended, doth any detaine, or imbezill any of the Church goods, or any other gifts giuen to charitable vses, is there a note kept of them, and set downe in the Church booke.

Can. 4. 6. 7.

5 Is there any among you that impugneth the Publique worship of God, the rites, and ceremonies, or the Government Ecclesiasticall established in the Church of England? Hath any in your Parish defaced, or caused to be defaced, any ornaments or monuments of the Church?

Can. 6.

6 Whether is due reverence, attention & humble submission vsed with in your Church or Chappell, in time of diuine service doth each one in your Church or Chappell so apply, and order himselfe there in time of diuine service, and administration of the blessed Sacraments, as the constitution of our Church, and the booke of Common praiers, doth wholsomely enioyne, examine the Cannon throughout, and consider dully how it hath bene obserued, and put the defaults.

Can. 88.

7 Whether hath your Church, Church porch, or Church-yeard bene prophaned by any plaies, feasts, banquets, Church-ales, Maygames, Moricedancings, drinkings, temporall Courts, or Leets, Lapiuries, Musters, Fayres, Markets, selling

ling of wares, or any unlawfull Games, as Bowling, Tennis, Stat. 5. Ed.
or the like? Are there any in your parish that haue fought, 6. c. 4.
drawled, quarrelled, chiding, or vled any violence in the
Church, Church Porch, or church-yeard, what are their
names?

8 Are your Church-yeards, well and sufficiently repaired,
fenced and maintained with Walls, Railes and Pales, if not Can. 75.
through whose fault is it omitted? Hath any person incroached
vpon the ground of the church yeard, hath your church-yeard
beene decently kept, and vled as a place consecrated to a holy
vse, haue any cattell beene suffered to offend or annoy the same
by foddering or soyling there or otherwise, are any hills of
soile or compast cast vpon there, if so, by whose fault is it so des-
tiled, haue any trees growing in the Church yeard beene cut
downe, if so, by whom, and to what vse?

9 Whether there be any hospitalls or Almes howses in
your parish, and whether the same be vled, kept, and ordered Stat. 2. H. 4. c. 1.
according to the Foundations, Lawes, and Statutes thereof, 5.
and in whom the fault is that they are not so vled and kept.

10 Whether your Parson or Vicar be now resident vpon
on his Benefice, if not how long hath he beene absent from you
and where is he to your knowledge or as you heare, to whom
hath he let his benefice, whether to a sufficient curate or to a
lay Farmer, and whether he not being resident vpon his bene-
fice and being able yearely to dispend aboue twenty pounds by
the said benefice hath yearely giuen and distributed to the re-
liefe of the poore and impotent of the Parish the fortieth part
of the said benefice?

11 Whether doth your Minister preach vsually accord-
ing to the constitutions either in his owne cure with you, or Stat. 13.
else in some other Church or Chappell neere adioyning, where Eliz. 10.
no Preacher is, or how often hath hee beene negligent in that
behalf?

12 Whether is your Minister a Preacher allowed if yea,
then by whom, if not, then whether doth he procure Sermons
to be preached among you, once in every month at least, by
such

such as are lawfully licenced, or whether is his living able to beare the charges thereof, also whether doth he read some one of the Homilies prescribed vpon every Sunday when there is no Sermon Preached.

Can. 47. 13 If your Minister hath another Benefice, whether doth he supply his absence by a Curate that is sufficiently licensed to Preach in that Cure of his, whereon hee himselfe is not resident, or whether doe you thinke that the worth of that Benefice will beare the charge of it, yea or no, or otherwise in case he doth not finde a preaching Minister, there whereon he is not resident, by reason of the smalnesse thereof, whether doth he preach at both his Benefices vsually himselfe?

Can. 48. 14 Whether is your Curate licensed to serue either by vs the immediat Ordinary of this Archdeaconrie, or the Bishop of this diocesse in his ordinary visitation: And whether doth your Minister or Curate serue any moze Churches then one, if yea, then what other Cure doth he also serue.

Can. 49. 15 If your Minister be not licensed to Preach, as aforesaid whether doth he take vpon him to expound the Scriptures either in his owne cure or else where, if yea then you are to present him.

Can. 50. 16 Whether hath any Parson beene admitted to Preach within your Church or Chappell but such as you haue well knowne to be sufficiently licensed, whom haue you so admitted and by whom were they licensed, you shall present their names and how often any such haue beene so admitted to preach, and by whose procurement? And whether haue you caused every such Preacher to subscribe his name, together with the day when he preached and by whom he was licensed?

Can. 53. 17 Hath there beene any publike opposition betweene Preacher and Preacher, in your Church or Chappell, touching any Sermons of doctrine or otherwise, formerly preached by any other either in your Church, or in any other Church neere adjoining, for the avoiding of offence, and disquietnesse that may grow thereby, you are diligently to obserue the directions of the constitution in that behalfe providing?

18 Is there any man heretofore licensed to preach that Can. 54.
refuseth to conforme himselfe to the Lawes, Ordinances, and
Rites Ecclesiasticall, established in the Church of England?

19 Whether doth your Minister & such others as preach
in your Church or Chappell or read any Lecture or Homily
before and at the beginning of every such Sermon, Lecture or
Homily, moue the People to ioyne with him in prayer in such
manner and forme or to such effect as in the constitution is pre-
scribed, and if any haue omitted the same or any part thereof
you shall present his name? Can. 55.

20 Whether haue you any Preacher or Lecturer in your
Parish, and whether if any such be doth he read himselfe diuine
service publikely in his surplesse, administer both sacraments
with such Rites and ceremonies, as are prescribed in the booke
of common prayer according to the canon and his Masters
Injunctions. Can. 56.

21 Is there any among you that doe refuse to haue their
children baptized or themselues to receiue the communion at
the hands of your Minister because he is no Preacher. Can. 57.

22 Whether doth your Minister weare the Surplice
whilst he is saying the publique Prayers and Ministring the
sacraments? And if he be any Graduat, whether doth he then
also weare vpon his surplesse during the times aforesaid such
a hood as by the Orders of the Vniuersity is agreeable to his
degree? Can. 58.

23 Whether doth your Minister euerie Sunday and Ho-
liday before evening Prayer for halfe an houre or more exa-
mine and instruct the youth and ignorant Persons of his Pa-
rish in the tenne commaundements, Articles of the beliefe, and
in the Lords Prayer, as also in the Catechisme set forth in the
Booke of common prayer? And whether doe all Fathers, Mo-
thers, Masters and Mistresses cause their children, seruants
and apprentices to come thither to heare and to be instructed
and taught therein accordingly, and if either Minister or any of
the rest of your Parish be faulty or negligent therein you shall
not spare to present them howsoever, viz. the Minister for his
negligence

negligence in not taking paines, and the householders with their servants for their carelesnesse in not sending or coming or refusing to learne.

Can. 62.

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24 Whether hath your Minister without license first obtained, solemnized marriage betwixt any parties, the Banes not being three severall Sundaies or Holidais first published in time of divine Service in the severall parish Churches or Chappells of their severall aboade, according to the Booke of Common-prayer, and that also betwixt the houres of eight and twelue in the forenoone? And whether hath your Minister solemnized any marriage, betwixt any persons being under the age of one and twenty yeares, although the Banes be thrice asked befoze such time as the Parents haue made knowne unto him their consent therevnto? And whether hath he married any of another Diocesse, who are they by what authority and when?

Can. 64.

25 Whether doth your Minister, upon Sundaies at Morning Prayer, declare vnto the Parishioners what Holidais, and fasting-daies, are appointed to be kept, the weeke following?

Can. 65.

26 Whether doth your Minister every five Moneths denounce in his Parish, all Reculants, and such of his Parish, as doe persevere in the sentence of Excommunication, not seeking to be absolued? Whether hath he receiued any Excommunicate person into Church with out a certificate vnder seale from the Ordinary? And whether doth your Minister labour diligently, to reclaime the Popish Reculants, in his parish from their Errors?

Can. 67.

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27 Whether doth your Minister, or Curate resort vnto such as are dangerously sicke, to instruct and comfort them, doth he refuse or delay to Christen any childe, or to bury any corps that is brought to Church, according to the Booke of Common-prayer, hath hee deferred the Christening of any child being in danger of death, and being therevnto required?

Can. 71.

28 Whether hath your Minister, or any other vnder pretence of liberty, or priuiledge, or whatsoeuer else excuse, preached, baptized children except in time of great necessity, solemnized

nized marriage, Churched any women, or ministered the holy Communion, in any private house or houses, yea, or no, if yea, then where, whom, when, and how often hath he offended in any of the premises? Can. 67.

29 Whether hath your Minister taken upon him, to appoint any Publike, or private Fast, any prophecies or exercises, or hath he, or any other person or persons within your parish, used to meete together in any private house or place, there to consult together how to impeach or depaue the booke of Common-prayer, or the doctrine of the Church of England, or any way to depaue or impeach the discipline of the Church of England.

30 Whether doth your Minister administer the holy Communion, so often, and at such times as that euery parishioner may receiue the same at least thrice in euery yeare, whereof once at Easter, as by the booke of Common prayer is appointed? & whether doth your Minister celebrate the same in such manner and forme as by the proviso of the Cannon is directed, or wherein is he faulty? And whether is warning giuen by him before hand for the Communion. Can. 25.

31 Whether your Minister hath or doth receiue to the Holy Communion, any persons which he not of his owne parish without testimony from the Ministers of the place where they dwell; and what they be? that it may appeare that they be not persons Excommunicate, Sectaries, or otherwise infamous. Can. 28.

32 Whether doth your Parson, Vicar, or Curate question, or reiect any from the holy Communion, who is not by publike fame, or by presentment, of the Church-wardens detected for a notorious Fornicator, Adulterer, or other wicked liuer or a disturber of his neighbours by whom publike offence is giuen, and by such an offence iudged by his Ordinary and whether he receiue any such person so infamed or presented to the holy Communion before publike penance inioyned by his Ordinary be by him first performed to the satisfaction of the congregation according to the Law in that case providing. Can. 26.

33 Whether doth your Minister, or Curate at any time,

administer the Communion, or Sacrament of the Lords Supper to any of his Parishioners, or other, sitting, or standing, but alwaies humbly kneeling, in the severall seats appointed in your Churches for the Communicants to receive the same?

34 Whether doth your Minister or Curate, administer the Sacrament of Baptisme rightly and duely, according to the forme expressed in the booke of Common-prayer, with due observation of all rites and ceremonies prescribed in the administration of the same?

Can. 14.

35 Whether is the whole Service or Common-prayer read in your Church or chappell distinctly and reverently vpon all Sundaies and Holidiaies, in such order as is set downe in the booke of common-prayer, without any alteration or omission, and at due and convenient howres: doth hee diminish divine Service, in regard of long Sermons, Prayers of his owne, or any other respect, or adde any thing in the matter or forme thereof of his owne conceipt and fancie?

36 Whether doth your Minister or Curate in the administration of the Blessed Sacraments, in the solemnization of Marriage, Buriall of the dead, Churching of women, &c. vse the formes prayers and ceremonies prescribed in the Communion booke: as namely whether doth he administer the Communion first to himselfe kneeling, and vse the words of institution, according to the Booke without alteration, at every time when the bread and wine is renewed? Doth he make the signe of the crosse vpon the childe's fore-head, in the administration of baptisme: baptize any without God fathers & Godmothers or admit any Fathers to be Godfathers in Baptisme, or children not Communicants? Doth he vse the Ring in Marriage? If he haue omitted any of these through neglect, or otherwise: you are to present how often and in what nature he hath offended.

37 Whether your Parson Vicar or Curat, or any other within your Parish, or else where neere about the same, within the Arch-deaconrie of Barke-shire, to your knowledge, or as you haue heard by common report, haue preached, declared, uttered or spoken any thing in derogation or depauiing of the said

Stat. 1.
Eliz. c. 2.

said booke of common prayer, or any thing therein contained, or against any doctrine, office or calling Ecclesiasticall, within the Realme established by publike authority, or against the ordination or election of Arch-bishops, Ministers, deacons, or any of them, and what was the thing or fault found, uttered, declared, or preached and by whom?

38 Whether doth your Minister publickly read in your Parish Church, once every yeare, vpon some Sunday or Holy day, the Canons and Constitutions Ecclesiasticall, made in the first yeare of our late Soueraigne Lord King James deceased, according to his said Majesties order and commaundement set downe in the end of the said Canons.

39 Is your Minister or Curate so decent in apparell and sober in conuersation, as the constitutions enioyne: is he not suspected to be guilty of any notorions crime, as Simonie, adultery, blasphemy, perjury, drunkenesse, idlenesse, vnseemely and vaine talke, and whether he be scandalous in his conversation, through brawling, fighting, quarrelling, peacebreaking or lawfull games, or haunting of places suspected, and not of good report? And whether your Parson or Vicar be knowne, suspected or reported to haue bought his benefice, or come to it by any simoniacall compact, made either by himselfe or others directly or indirectly: or doe let out his living, or any part thereof to any in consideration that he hath obtained the same?

Can. 74. 75

Stat. 31.
Eliz. c. 6.

41 Hath any in your Parish spoken scandalous, and reproachfull words against your Minister, to the scandall of his person, or Vocation, or against their Marriage or Wives, and what hath he spoken in derogation thereof.

41 Is there any in your Parish, who hauing bene admitted into holy orders of Deacon, or Priesthood, doth relinquish, or forsake his calling, and liueth in the course of his life as a Layman? Or any man being neither Minister or Deacon doth read common-prayer openly in the Church or Chappell, or practise any other Ministeriall duty in the Church, & what is his name that so doth.

Can. 76.

42 Whether your Minister hath vsed the forme of thanksgiuing

thanksgiuing for any woman after child-birth, being unlawfully begotten with child otherwise then in forme of a penitent person, viz. in a white sheete, or other habite, prescribed by the Ordinary, or vpon any other day then a Sunday, or Holiday, or befoze sufficient caution taken, that she should not depart the Parish till she should performe such pennance as should be enjoined by the Ordinary.

43 Whether your Parson Vicar, or Curate doth vsually every yeare in the Rogation weeke, goe with the Parishoners in the perambulations about the Parish, according to the custom and vse of auncient time, and doth say the prayers and suffrages appointed for the same, according to the late Queenes Maiesties iniunctions in that behalfe provided.

44 Whether doth your Parson or Vicar well and sufficiently repaire and keepe their Parsonage or Vicarage houses in reparations?

45 Whether your Church, Parsonage or Vicarage bee void or no, and how long it hath so beene, who gathereth the fruits thereof in the Vacancy and by what authority? Is there any Noble man or any other of inferiour order and degree that keepeth any Chaplaine in his house? if so, of what ranke and quality is he that so keepeth him?

46 Whether is there any free Schoole within your Parish, who was, or is the founder thereof, or hath the gift or nomination of the Schoole Master, what is his Pension, who payeth it, and whether any goods or Reuenues belonging to the Schoole, be detained from it, and by whom?

47 Whether every Schoole Master within your Parish in any Noble or Gentle mans house, or in any other place, be of good and sincere Religion, life and conversation, and be diligent in teaching and bringing vp of youth, and whether they haue beene examined, allowed and licensed for Schoole Masters, by the Ordinary in that behalfe, & what are their names, and of what degree in Schooles.

49 Whether doth your Schoole Master vpon Sundais, and holy and Festival daies, bring their Schollers orderly to the

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Stat. 21.

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ing
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the Church, and there see them quietly and soberly to behaue Can. 79.
 themselves without disturbance of the Minister or Parishio-
 ners, and doe they afterwards take an accompt of them, what
 they haue profited thereby? Doe they on other daies instruct
 their Schollers in the Catechisme, by law establisshed, contai-
 ned in the booke of Common-praier.

49 Whether the Schoole-master or Schoole-masters
 within your Parish, doe teach his or their Schollers, any o-
 ther Grammer, then that which is commonly called, the Kings
 Grammer, set forth by the authority of King Henry the eight?

50 Whether is there any person or persons in your Pa- Stat. 23.
 rish that doth keepe or maintaine any Schoole-master, which Eliz. cap. 1.
 doth not repaire to Church; or are there any knowne, or suspec-
 ted to read to their Schollers priuately, any unlawfull bookes,
 or to instruct them in their young yeares, either in Popery, su-
 perstition, or disobedience or contempt to his Maestie, and his
 Lawes Ecclesiasticall, by publike authority allowed?

51 What Physitian or Chirurgion, is in your parish
 vnlicensed, and being not a Doctor of Physicke in either of the
 Vniuersities, doth practise Physicke: And what ignorant per-
 sons haue left their trade and taken vpon them to professe Phy-
 sick or Chirurgery, and who be they that so abuse the People?

52 Haue you a fit Parish Clarke, of twenty yeares of age
 at the least, that can write, read, and hath competent skill in
 Singing: is he diligent in his office, doth he keepe the Church
 decently and the doores safely locked, so that nothing is lost, or Can. 19.
 spoiled by his default, doth he obserue due howers in the execu-
 tion of his place, doth he at any time read diuine service or any
 part of it except the first Lesson; is his wages and the Sermons
 duely paid, as hath beene accustomed in your Parish?

53 Whether are the Church wardens chosen, by the Mi- Concern-
 nister and Parishioners, according to the Cannon: And whe- ing
 ther any of the Church wardens so chosen be dwelling out of Church-
 the Parish, or particular Hamlet or Village for which he or wardens.
 they were cho'en, & in what other place are they or he residing Can. 29.
 And whether hath any taken vpon him to be Church-
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warden not being chosen, but hired to execute the place, or otherwise hath any continued aboue one yeare in his office, without a new election?

54 Whether hath any Church-warden or Church-wardens given by a iust and perfect accompt of all such mony, as they haue receiued by vertue of their office, to the vse of the Church, and in the end of the yeare haue restozed and satisfised the same to the next Church-wardens of the yeare following, without wast or diminution, except such part thereof, as they haue imployed and bestowed in Reparations, and the necessary vse of the Church?

Can. 90.

55 Whether haue the Church-wardens beene and are they diligent, to obserue and see that the Parishioners duely resort to the Church vpon Sundaies and holidiaies, and there continue the whole time of Diuine seruice, and to see & keepe order and decency in the Church in time of Common-prayer and administration of the Sacraments, that there be no disturbance, but sobernesse and quietnesse in the Church yeard and Church-porch?

56 Whether the Church-wardens, and swozne men your predecessors, haue of any priuate corrupt affection, concealed any crime, or other disorder, in their time done in your parish, and haue not presented the same to such Ordinary as had authority to refozme the same? And whether they or any of them at any such time as they should haue beene at diuine seruice, on Sundaies and Holidiaies, and should there haue obserbed others that were absent, haue beene away themselves, at home, or in some Taberne or Alehouse, or else about some worldly businesse, or at Bowles, Cards, Tables, Dice, or other gaming without regard of their office, and duty in that behalfe?

57 Whether you your selues or the Church-wardens in the yeare befoze you, haue suffered any unmarried woman, being gotten with Child to goe out of your Parish, befoze she hath by you, or them beene presented to your Ordinary: or any man defamed of whozome to depart unpunished, and forth of whose

houses haue they gone away with child unpunished, and what be the names of such unmarried women which haue beene deliuered within your Parish, and haue gone away without doing of Penance?

58 Whether your Church-wardens doe levy twelue pence of euery of the Parishioners, for every Sunday or Sabbath day that he or they absenteth himselfe, or their selues from the Church: And whether the same so leuied haue beene imployed to the vse of the Poore, according to the Statute in that behalfe provided? Present who hath offended herein and how often.

Stat. 3.
Iac. c. 4.

59 Whether doe you know any of your Parish, that in contempt of his owne Minister, or for any other corrupt cause, doth resort to any other Church, to heare diuine service, to baptize children, or to receiue the holy Communion, or any of convenient age, that doe not repaire to their owne Parish Church at the beginning of diuine Service, and there reverently demean themselves, devoutly kneeling when the generall confession of sinnes, the Lektany, the tenne Commandements and all prayers and Collects are read: and perfoyme all such duties as are in the Constitution required, who doe couer their heads in the Church during the whole time of diuine Service, or doe talke, walke, or goe out of the Church before Diuine Service is ended?

Can. 18.

60 Whether doe any in your Parish vse any gaming or pastime abroad, or in any house, or sit in the street, or Church-yard, or in any Taberne, or Ale house vpon any Sunday or holy-day, in the time of Common prayer, Sermon or reading of the Homilies, or any of them either before or after Noone?

61 Whether there be any Inkeepers, Alewives, Victualers, or Tiplers, that suffer or admit any person or persons in their houses, to eat, drinke, or play at Dice, Cards, Tables, Bowles, or such like Games, in time of Common prayer, or Sermon. on the Sundaes or Holydaies, or any Butchers or other Tradesmen, that vse to sell meat or other wares on any Sunday or Holyday especially in time of Common prayer,
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preaching or reading of Homilies? And whether any Faïres or common Markets falling vpon the Sundaies, there be shewing of any wares: and whether any Markets, and selling of Wares be vsed or suffered, in any Church-yeards on the Sundaies or Holydaies, or at any other time by common Packmen, or Pedlers going about or any Butchers or others?

Can. 59.

62 Whether all householders in your parish cause their children, servants & apprentices both mankind & womankind, being about seauen yeares of age & vnder twenty, which haue not learned the Catechisme, to come to the Church on Sundaies and Holidaies at the time appointed for Catechizing, and there diligently and obediently to heare or answere, and what be the names of those that doe not cause their children, servants and apprentices, so to come to the Church to be instructed and examined?

Can. 112.

63 Whether all the Parishioners, being aboue sixteene yeares old haue receiued the Holy Communion thrise for the yeare last past, and namely at Easter last, or receiuing haue not signified the same to the Minister in time convenient, that hee might examine them how they were instructed for partaking of so high Saceries?

Stat. 3.
Jac. c. 4. &
5.

64 Whether there be in your Parish any Recusant Papist, Brownist, or other Sectary whatsoeuer, that vseth or frequenteth any priuate conventicles, meetings or assemblies in any houses, barnes, woods, or any such like place vnder pretence to heare the word preached, or the Scriptures expounded: or whether is there any one in your Parish, that hath resorting vnto him any Iesuits, Seminaries, or Dissling priests, or any other reconciled to the Church of Rome, or that are knowne or suspected to conceale, or keepe hidden in their houses, any Masse Books, Chalice, Copes, or other ornaments of superstition vncancelled, or undefaced?

65 Whether there be any women within your Parish, which after childbirth refuse or contemne to come to the Church, in such decent sort and habit as hath beene aunciently accustomed to giue God thanks for their deliuey, and to heare the

the prayers publickly appointed in that behalfe by the Booke of Common-prayer.

66 Whether there be in your Parish any Popish Recusant, which hauing any child borne, did not within one month next after the birth thereof cause the same child to be baptized by a lawfull Minister, according to the Lawes of this Realme either in the open parish Church where the child was borne, or in some other Church neare adioyning, or Chappell, where baptisme is vsually administred? Stat. 3.
Iac. 5.

67 Whether there be in any of your Parishes, any person or persons that hath stood excommunicated, and denounced for excommunicate persons, by the space of forty daies, and yet doe continue bare formed, without feare of God, or danger of the Lawes; be diligent to present their names, and how long they haue so continued, & who keepeth company with such persons.

68 Whether there be any in your Parish, that doth administer the goods of those that be dead without lawfull authority, or any that suppress the last will of the dead, or any executors that haue not fulfilled their testators last will in paying of Legacies giuen to the Church, or to other good and Godly vses, as to the reliefe of Pouerty, or Orphans, poore Schollers, poore Haluens Marriage, high wates, and such like, and by whom they are so denied.

69 Whether there be any in these parts that haue beene married within the degrees of affinity or consanguinity by the Lawes of God forbidden, or any that being divorced or separated for the same, doe yet notwithstanding cohabite and keepe company together, or any that being married without those degrees haue vlawfully forsaken their wiues or husbands, and married others, any that being divorced or separated asunder, haue married againe, or any couples, married that liue not together, but scandalously liue apart?

70 Whether there be among you any Blasphemer of the name of God, great or often swearers, adulterers, fornicators, harlots, or Whore-masters, incestuous persons, Bawds, or receiuers of naughty and incontinent persons, or harbou-

ners of women with child, which be vnmarried, conueying or suffering them to goe away befoze they doe any penance, or any Usurers, drunkards, ribaudes, or such that exercise Witchcraft, Sozceries, soothsaying and those that resorte to them.

Finally by vertue of your Oath taken; you are to make true presentment of the names and Surnames of all such person and persons as haue offended, or are commonly reported, or vehemently suspected to haue offended, according to the particular Articles aboue specified: you shall likewise detect and truly present any other crime or offence, which you know to be committed against any point of his Maiesties Lawes, statutes, Iniunctions and Ordinance Ecclesiasticall of this Realme which are not aboue mentioned: all which you shall present to vs and to no other Ecclesiasticall Judge, or Ordinary, vntill they happen according to custome, to hold their vsuall Visitation for this Archdeaconry.

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